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Snyder said, it was because of the declining population and that population is not going to increase. For these reasons, I support this kill motion.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? All right. Senator Stromer, you may close.

SENATOR STROMER: Mr. President, I think everybody has made up their mind. I waive closing.

SPEAKER: The question is shall LB 179 be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor of indefinite postponement vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 25 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

SPEAKER: Motion fails. Now, Senator Carpenter, what will you do with the bill?

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move it be advanced from General File to E & R for Initial.

SPEAKER: I presume there is no further discussion. If not, Senator Carpenter, are you waiving the closing? The question is shall the bill as amended advance. All those in favor vote aye. Those opposed vote no. Have you all voted? The clerk will record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 12 nays, 12 not voting.

SPEAKER: The bill as amended is advanced. Now, Senator Chambers, did you have a motion? Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I believe it is up there.

SPEAKER: You spoke to me about this. We skipped over one of your bill on which you had an amendment, is that the bill you are referring to.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Yes.

SPEAKER: What's the number of the bill?

CLERK: I ask unanimous consent to revert to Select File to consider LB 268.

SPEAKER: Now, that was the bill we had this morning and Senator Chambers was absent, so at the request of Senator Warner, we passed over that. Does anybody have any objections to going back and taking that up right now? If not, so ordered. What's the number of the bill, again?

CLERK: 268.

SPEAKER: 268, and what was the position of the bill at the time we finished.

CLERK: Mr. President, the E & R amendments had been adopted. There are two amendments offered by Senator Chambers. Well, three amendments offered by Senator Chambers, relative amendments.

SPEAKER: Senator Chambers, you want to explain the amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Well, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this amendment which I am offering will require that the Governor, as the representative of the Executive Branch, would be declared the official state executioner in all cases where capital punishment is to be imposed provided this bill passes. The reason I offered this amendment, and I do it in complete seriousness, the responsibility for actions which are